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I drafted a cable to the Department last night and had it sent off this morning. It was as follows:

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"1. Mollet's speech Strasbourg continues have important repercussions. His principal conditions for majority French socialist vote ratification EDC are: (1) establishment via European Political Community democratic control by supranational executive over European Army; (2) close association EDC and UK. Second condition has been substantially met. Regarding first, although he has never made specific demand on timing I know from him that only virtual agreement by participating governments on this point will satisfy him. This does not mean that parliamentary action EDC must be postponed to parliamentary action EPC.

"2. Assuming always that Saar accord can be negotiated, prospects EDC and EPC are most promising and should be realized if no major mistakes are made. Bidault, a man quick to recognize political realities, told Monnet Saturday that if Mollet remains firm and is satisfied with EPC negotiations and if Saar solution reached, there will be French parliamentary majority for EDC of not less than thirty-five votes.

"3. Re Mollet it seems there may be useful action US Government can properly take. We should tactfully oppose any attempt to substitute Council of National Ministers for Supranational Executive Authority EPC. By terms Ad Hoc Committee's

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draft Constitution such Executive would direct and supervise operations CSC and EDC PAREN this is well explained in Harold Callender's despatch New York Times September 21 END PAREN. If this done by Ministers responsible to national governments surrender partial sovereignty to CSC and EDC could be rendered nugatory.

"4. There are three countries besides France which might be stimulated to effective decisions in this regard. A. Van Zeeland should be told that Mollet's condition ought to be met. B. Chancellor Adenauer should remain steadfast and make no concession this respect. C. Dutch should retreat from alleged instructed position Rome that wide economic powers granted to supranational executive are condition precedent to their approval EPC.

"5. To help accomplish above I suggest: (1) Department disregard previous hesitations antecedent to Mollet's speech and have President discuss matter with Van Zeeland. (2) Conant and myself again explain significance Mollet condition EPC to Adenauer. (3) Chapin and myself have frank talk this subject with Beyen. (4) When opportunity presents itself Dillon might informally talk with Laniel and Bidault about advisability having EPC taken in hand after October 20 Hague meeting by permanent committee that will address itself unremittingly to task as in case CSC and EDC.

"6. If above is successful free nations might bring off comparatively quick double, EDC with one barrel EPC with other.

BRUCE"

I left at 8:30 for Count Henri de Boisgelin's place, 7 kilometres from Provins. Due to a detour, the trip took almost two hours. We had a [redacted] breakfast at 10:15 of steak, potatoes, salad, cheese, fruit, wine and coffee.

The shooting party consisted of Henri, his cousin another Count Boisgelin, one of the young Bembergs, [redacted] young de Ganay, Count Georges Verne and his wife, a

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